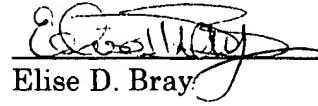


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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of January 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5 and 12 and amend claims 1 and 9. All of pending claims 1 to 4, 6 to 11 and 13 to 15 follow: